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# RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US), dated July 8, 2008, there are enclosed herewith:

- (a) Declaration executed by Anne-Claude COUFFIN, André LAFOREST, and Nicolas NOURRY;
- (b) A Petition for Non-Signing Inventor (Mohammed BERRADA);

(c) A Declaration of Michael R. Krawzsenek with Exhibits A-P;

(d) Our payment via credit card in the amount of \$2,636.00 to cover the surcharge for

late filing (\$130.00); additional claims fee (\$156.00); five month extension of

time fee (\$2,350);

(e) A copy of Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the

United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US); and

(f) A Request for Extension of Time of five months to and including February 8,

2009. Should such request be absent, consider this such a request and

authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 as

stated below.

The required fees in the amount of \$2,636.00 in connection with the filing of this paper

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## NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494):

- Priority Document
- Copy of the International Application filed on 06/16/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 06/16/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 06/21/2007
- Reguest for Immediate Examination filed on 06/16/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 06/16/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 06/16/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Additional claim fees of \$150 as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$280 for a Large Entity:

• \$130 Surcharge.

Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$150

• \$150 for 3 total claims over 20.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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